

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1- (original) An electronic mail system comprising at least:

- an apparatus having a device to be connected to an electronic mail service, said apparatus comprising:
 - a receptacle for receiving a removable data storage means,
 - writing/reading means for reading and/or writing said storage means,
 - connecting means for a connection to a mail service,
 - mail managing means for managing mail,

which system further comprises:

- a removable data storage means.

2- (original) A mail system as claimed in claim 1 comprising mail means for storing at least part of the contents of the mail in said removable data storage means.

3- (currently amended) A mail system as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 and 2~~claim 1 comprising archiving means for archiving the mail in a file in said removable data storage means.

4- (currently amended) A mail system as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein said removable data storage means are constituted by an optical disc.

5- (currently amended) A mail system as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the mail server is accessible via a network such as the Internet.

6- (original) An apparatus suitable for electronic mail and comprising:

- a device to be connected to an electronic mail service,
- a receptacle for receiving a removable data storage means,
- writing/reading means for reading and/or writing said storage means,
- connecting means for a connection to a mail service,
- mail managing means for managing mail.

7- (currently amended) A removable data storage means suitable for an apparatus as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1 in which data relating to mail are stored.

8- (currently amended) A removable data storage means suitable for an apparatus as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1 in which data relating to the filing of mail are stored.

9- (currently amended) A removable data storage means suitable for an apparatus as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1 in which data relating to mail and to the filing mail are stored.

10- (currently amended) A removable data storage means as claimed in ~~one of the claims 7 and 8~~claim 7, comprising a file for configuring the apparatus for managing the mail.

11- (currently amended) An apparatus suitable for an electronic mail system comprising at least:

- an apparatus having a device to be connected to an electronic mail service, said apparatus comprising:

- a receptacle for receiving a removable data storage means,

- writing/reading means for reading and/or writing said storage means,

- connecting means for a connection to a mail service,

- mail managing means for managing mail,

which system further comprises:

- a removable data storage means ~~a system as claimed in one of the claims 1 to 5~~ and for a removable data storage means as claimed in claim 9, comprising configuring means for configuring said apparatus for mail managing by launching said configuring file.

12- (currently amended) A mail system as claimed in ~~one of the~~
~~claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, wherein mail managing means for managing mail
comprise display means for managing the mail.

13- (currently amended) A mail system as claimed in ~~one of the~~
~~claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, wherein mail managing means for managing mail
comprises acoustic means for managing the mail.

14- (original) A method of managing mail, which involves the
following steps of:

- using a first apparatus which comprises:
 - a receptacle for a removable data storage means,
 - writing/reading means for reading and/or writing said
storage means,
 - connecting means for a connection to a mail service,
 - mail managing means for managing mail dealt with by
the removable data storage means,

inserting a removable data storage means,

- connecting to a mail server,
- storing at least part of the contents of the mail in said
removable storage means,
- removing said removable storage means for subsequent use with
another or with the same apparatus.